

HOOVER DEBT IDEA FINDS PARIS GOLD

No Pay Until Germany Settles, Consensus of French Opinion.

FAVOR POINCARE PLAN

Resentment Stirred by Reiteration
as to U. S. "Insistence,"
Says Mowrer.

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PARIS, October 20.—Secretary Hoover's speech emphasizing both the desirability and practicability of the allies paying their debts to the United States and offering to trade on easy terms only against political concessions, such as the reduction of armaments has been received coldly here. Recently the writer had occasion to talk to many Frenchmen of all classes and parties about France's war debt to the United States. All agree

abstract recognition of this debt, but we all agree, too, that there absolutely can be no question of France taking

Similarity of Expression.

Between the indiscreet blurring of the French position by Louis Loucheur that France would never pay and the recent statement made by M. de Lasteyrie, the minister of finance, with Premier Poincaré's approval, that France intended to pay some time, but not until Germany had repaid France, there is merely a nuance of expression.

The report of the Parmentier mission has not stimulated France to prepare any special proposal for the payment of the American debt.

No such proposal is even being discussed. The only proposal France has to make at present is the Poincaré loan, which is a "compromise" plan already outlined, and which the Hoover speech seems formally to reject.

Reincentment Aroused.

Recent newspaper dispatches from Washington intimating that the United States intends to "insist" that France should reduce her armaments until the American fleet had been reduced to the same level, provoked incredulous smiles, but the reiteration of this threat in Secretary Hoover's speech has been taken more seriously and is arousing genuine resentment. The American persistence in the demand for disarmament has been a club to oblige France to follow American theories regarding disarmament. European public finance are likewise being hampered by the narrowness and misunderstanding without accomplishing any positive results whatever.

It is noteworthy that almost no reaction in the French newspapers to the Hoover speech is the assumption of the outcry in nationalist organs like the *Echo de Paris*.

for the occupation of the Ruhr district.

FOUR WASHINGTONIANS GOING TO MAKE HOME IN PALESTINE

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their lifelong friends good-bye. All leave large families behind. The Cohens have several families of sons and daughters.

Sacrifices Are Praised.

Speakers at the banquet referred to the sacrifice of those leaving in breaking their family ties. Barnett Cohen, in speaking for the group, declared that their act was a self-sacrificing one.

"It is the greatest happiness in the life of a Jew to have the opportunity," he said, "after the 2,000 years of banishment, to go to Palestine, the region of which to the Jewish people has now been assured by the leading nations of the world, led by Great Britain and officially endorsed by the United States. It is a sacred

privilege to bring to Palestine what he had accumulated in the United States and to invest it in the country, a fact that the Jewish homeland may be proud to remember.

At the conclusion of these remarks Barnett Cohen's eldest son, A. Cohen, who had been in the audience, stood up and announced that the act of his father and mother had made him a Jew. He had made an example of himself for Palestine with his whole family within a few months. He said that his brothers and sisters and his wife would also do the same.

Going for National Service.

All the members of the party emphasized that their aim in going to Palestine was not that of Jews in former years, who went to the Holy Land only to die and be buried there in the holy soil. They were going, they said, for a different purpose—to participate in the work of reconstruction of the Jewish homeland.

According to advices received by the Zionist Organization in New York, Jewish families and individuals

many other communities are emigrating to Palestine, inspired by the same ideal. Only a small proportion of Jews, comparatively speaking, however, are expected to form the new population of Palestine, as the bulk of immigration is from eastern

and central Europe. The Jews of the United States are contributing \$100,000 a year for the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland.

pilgrims. He is sixty-two years of age and has been a resident of Washington almost thirty years. He and his wife made their home at 1426 Q street northwest. A leading Zionist of the city, he was treasurer of the Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund), and he has also been prom-

mentally identified with numerous Jewish organizations, in all of which he has been very active. The results accomplished by him for the Keren Hayesod were acknowledged in the New Palestine, official organ of the Zionist Organization of America.

which time he has resided with his
son, Aaron Cohen, at 628 3d street
northeast. Mr. Dobkin is thirty-a-
and has lived in the District more
than ten years. He is a baker by pro-
fession.

KILLED BY AUTO TRUCK.

Knocked down by a motor truck on
the new state road near Lanham, Md.,
yesterday, Dewitt Miller, twenty-
three years old, died before arrival
at Casualty Hospital. The police re-
vealed that Miller was employed on the
road and is said to have resided with
a relative at Mount Rainier, Md.